MONTANA LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

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Did this bill originate in an interim committee? ___ Yes ___ No

Committee _____ Report _____

House BILL NO. 118

INTRODUCED BY Lester, McBride

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 53-107, R.C.M. 1947, TO ESTABLISH THE PRESUMPTION THAT A MOTOR VEHICLE IS HELD IN JOINT TENANCY WHEN THE NAME OF MORE THAN ONE PERSON IS LISTED AS AN OWNER ON THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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the principal right frame member of said motor vehicle near the front end thereof where it may be clearly and readily seen, and said stamping shall be promptly accomplished after notice of the assigned number by the registrar. The registrar may withhold registration until satisfactory proof by affidavit, of such stamping is filed with him.

Any person violating this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding twenty-five dollars ($25.00)."

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 52-75

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

ompliance with a written request received January 20, 19 75, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note Senate Bill 118 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly. kground information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members he Legislature upon request.

SCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act providing for a replacement tax for the property tax now levied on habitable property and providing a method for calculating and collecting the replacement tax.

VENUE IMPACT:

In the ideal situation, SB 118 would, on a dollar for dollar basis, replace property tax revenues under current law with total personal income tax revenues under proposed law. Thus, there would be no appreciable effect on state revenues.

PENDITURE IMPACT:

In order to comply with the provisions of SB 118, the Department of Revenue would require 63 additional appraisers, 63 assessor aides, 7 professionals, 6 clerks, and part-time mailroom personnel plus office space and equipment. Data processing costs are estimated at $200,000 start-up plus $200,000 annual fee. Additional state expenditures estimated for the biennium are:

	FY76	FY77
Personal Services	$1,382,861	$1,503,988
Operating Expenses	484,100	285,000
Capital Outlay	19,050	0
	$1,886,011	$1,788,988

It is also estimated that there will be a need for one more employee in each county treasurer's office in small counties and two more employees in class one counties.

CHNICAL NOTE:

Line 22, page 6 – "determines" should read "determine".

Michael S. Billings

BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1/25/75

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 228-75

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 11, 19 75, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 118 (amended) pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly. Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act providing for a replacement tax for the property tax now levied on habitable property and providing a method for calculating and collecting the replacement tax.

The amendments to Senate Bill 118 provide an effective date of July 1, 1976, revise the definition of total personal income, require the tax statement to be included with the income tax form, raise the minimum income for filing to $600, revise definition of nonresidents and make minor clarifying language changes.

REVENUE IMPACT:

In the ideal situation, Senate Bill 118 would, on a dollar for dollar basis, replace property tax revenues under current law with total personal income tax revenues under proposed law. Thus, there would be no appreciable effect on state or local revenues although the tax burden will no doubt be significantly redistributed over the population. The amendments to Senate Bill 118 will have no effect on amount of revenue. The effective date of July 1, 1976 delays implementation of the replacement tax by one year.

EXPENDITURE IMPACT:

The following costs supersede the estimated expenditures for the original version of Senate Bill 118. The amendments to Senate Bill 118 delay implementation and provide for a more efficient administrative procedure. The costs are based on the following assumptions:

1. Cost of withholding forms and distribution will be $30,000 in FY 77.
2. Start up costs for data processing will be $100,000 for FY 76 and FY 77.
3. Increased costs involved in withholding collection (last quarter of FY 77) can be absorbed in existing budget.

	FY 76	FY 77
Increased expenditures by the Department of Revenue under proposed law as amended	$100,000	$130,000

It is also estimated that there will be a need for one more employee in each county assessor's office in small counties and two more employees in Class one counties.

CONCLUSION:

Enactment of Senate Bill 118 (amended) would result in an increase in General Fund expenditures of $230,000 in the 1975-77 Biennium.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. Line 1, page 8---------- "The county treasurer"should read "The county assessor."
2. Line 7, page 1---------- "determines" should read "determine."

Mufford O. Billings
by Karen Wilson
BUDGET DIRECTOR
Office of Budget and Program Planning
Date: February 18, 1975

1975
House

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

44th Legislature

Bill No.	Subject Matter	Date In	Sponsor	Hearing Date	Committee Action	Date Out
HB 102	An act making the position of county attorney in certain counties a full-time position; setting the qualifications thereof, amending to provide salary thereof, etc.	1/16/75	Huennekens	1/24/75	DO PASS AS AMENDED	1/29/75
HB 110	An act requiring the attorney general to give written opinions within 4 months to the governing body of any city or town upon any question, etc.	1/16/75	Brand	1/20/75	1/20-action deferred to req. fiscal note. 1/29-AS AMENDED DO PASS	1/29/75
HB 111	Relating to compensation of victims of motor vehicle accidents; requiring security by motor vehicle owners; providing for certain mandatory insurance, etc.	1/16/75	Brand	1/23/75	1/23/75 Hold for other N-F bills DO PASS AS AMENDED	2/21/75
HB 118	Establishing the presumption of joint tenancy of a motor vehicle when more than one name is listed on the title.	1/17/75	Lester	1/21/75	DO PASS	1/29/75
HB 122	Including contributing to the delinquency of a youth as endangering welfare of children.	1/17/75	Request-Yardley	1/23/75	1/22/75 Pass for today. DO PASS AS AMENDED	1/29/75
HB 126	Permitting small business corporations to contribute to political campaigns; etc.	1/17/75	Fagg	1/23/75	1/29-action delayed	

January 21, 1975

The seventh meeting of the House Judiciary Committee was called to order in Committee Room 436 of the Capitol Building at Helena, Montana on Tuesday, January 21, 1975 at 9:00 AM. Representative Meloy, acting chairman, presided while Chairman Huennekens presented a bill to another committee. All members were present except Representative Moore, absent, excused. Chairman Huennekens returned to preside at 9:25 AM.

Bills scheduled for hearing this date were House Bills Nos. 82 and 118, taken in this order.

HOUSE BILL NO. 82 Representative John B. Driscoll, District #91, is chief sponsor of this bill conforming eminent domain power granted to regulated public utilities with power granted the Department of Highways, stated he wished to propose some amendmer which would clean up the bill, none are very substantive. (see Exhibit A). He stated this bill is an attempt to clean up the emine domain statutes. You can't take away the power of condemnation so amended the bill in the first part which gives structure to corporati

The second portion of the bill begins on page 5, line 8 and lists public uses. He stated there was no question that the legislature has the right to determine public uses and cited a case "State of Montana vs. Cross & Hessen Company. Regulating utilities if they are small must first go before the Public Service Commission and they determine if the proposed project is for the public good.

Proponent James Shea, Public Service Commissione from District #4, stated he sympathized with Representative Driscoll. He feels this bill has great merit, speaks for himself as an individu The right of eminent domain has been abused. People are living in fear of the large corporations and condemnation of their land by the corporations. He feels this is a serious situation, in his opinion the mining companies have overstepped what is good for the general public. He wants to see mining prosper but not at the expense of the public. Pointed out that a year ago because of the coal situation in Eastern Montana the legislature took the power of eminent domain awa from coal companies.

Opponents to this bill were Bill Romaine, repre senting the Montana Mining Assoication (see prepared statement); William Sternhager, representing the Anaconda Company (see prepared statement); opponent Bob Helding, representing St. Regis Paper Compa and Montana Power and Light, who stated he agrees with the two previous speakers regarding legal problems involved. Pointed out the problems logging companies have in getting access to logging roads, they'll spend $50,000 to $70,000 building a logging road. Since 19 they have had the right of eminent domain under 93-9925, R.C.M. 1947

Following question by Representative Rasmussen Representative Driscoll stated the Highway Department operates under more rigorous condemnation procedures. Upon questioning by Representative Vincent Mr. Shea stated that the Public Service Commission is behind in its work but that they are not afraid of work and are working long hours to bring them up to date. He stated he thinks the Commission will have more empathy for the public. Stated the corporation is not a person in any way, shape or form. On the right of eminent domain it is a club these corporations hold over the public. Representative Driscoll replied to question by Representative Scully that this bill requires a major portion of condemnation proceedings such as are set up for the highway department Representative Halvorson learned upon questioning that the large corporations have not offered any amendments to this bill but it came up rather suddenly.

Following additional questions by committee members the hearing was then closed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 118 Representative Dennis Lester, District #37, stated this was a very simple bill which Representative McKittrick had asked him to sponsor. He stated this bill is to establish the presumption of joint tenancy of a motor vehicle when more than one name is listed on the title in order to help settle estates, it gives the right of survivorship.

No proponents. No opponents. Following brief questioning by committee members the hearing was closed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:31 AM.

HERB HUENNEKENS
CHAIRMAN

HH:pb

NAME Dennis A. Lester Bill No. HB 113

ADDRESS 1412 4th Ave. So. Date 1/21/75

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? _____

SUPPORT X OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

HOUSE BILL NO. 122 Representative Yardley moved DO PASS AS AMENDED. with amendment as proposed to strike on page 2, line 21 the words "selling intoxicating beverages or other places". Representative Yardley stated this was to allow certain types of evidence to be admitted. Motion DO PASS AS AMENDED carried unanimously.

HOUSE BILL NO. 126 Representative Meloy stated that Senate Bill No. 97 which is similar doesn't have language on small businesses. Representative Moore questioned if by striking language on the majority stockholder are you allowing him to contribute twice?

Representative Scully moved to amend on page 2, line 1 by adding "savings and loans" and by striking in line 11 the words "ballot issue". Representative Meloy stated that during the hearing he had requested some information from Representative Fagg which he still had not received. Representative Scully withdrew his motion.

Representative Vincent moved DO NOT PASS. A substitute motion was made by Representative Lory to table the bill until the committee hears from Representative Fagg. Motion to delay this bill carried.

HOUSE BILL NO. 118 Representative Lester, chief sponsor, moved DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

All business being concluded, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Herb Huennekens

HH:pb

REPRESENTATIVE HERB HUENNEKENS, CHAIRMAN

January 29 19 75

MR. SPEAKER:

We, your committee on JUDICIARY

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 118

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Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 118

DO PASS

1975

44th LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Senate

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

HOUSE BILL NO.	ENTERED COMM.	DATE CONSIDERED	OUT OF COMM.	DO PASS DATE	DO NOT PASS DATE	DO PASS AS AMEND. DATE	BE CONCURRED IN DATE	BE CONC. IN AS AMENDED DATE	BE NOT CURRED DATE
5	3/5/75	3/12/75	3/13/75				3/12/75		
6	1/16/75	1/21/75	1/21/75				1/21/75		
7	1/16/75	1/21/75	1/21/75				1/21/75		
8	2/27/75	3/15/75	3/18/75					3/17/75	
10	3/7/75	3/15/75	3/24/75					3/19/75	
27	2/28/75	3/14/75	3/25/75					3/22/75	
31	1/20/75	1/28/75	2/4/75					2/1/75	
46	2/4/75	2/27/75	2/28/75						2/2
82	2/15/75	3/6/75	3/20/75					3/18/75	
99	1/27/75	2/1/75	2/6/75					2/5/75	
100	2/21/75	3/4/75	3/25/75					3/7/75	
102	2/10/75	2/28/75	3/5/75					3/4/75	
108	3/8/75	3/17/75	3/24/75					3/21/75	
110	2/4/75	3/7/75	3/13/75					3/11/75	
111	2/27/75	3/14/75	3/24/75					3/22/75	
118	2/1/75	3/5/75	3/6/75					3/5/75	
122	2/4/75	2/27/75	3/4/75					2/28/75	

(Use Separate Sheet for Senate, House Bills, and Resolutions)

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
March 5, 1975

Senator Towe, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:44 A.M. All members were present.

The following bills were discussed:

HB 162
HB 118
HB 208
HB 196

HB 162 -- Representative Kimble of District 94 was the sponsor of HB 162. He stated that the purpose of the bill was to permit, in criminal cases, an appeal before final judgment in cases in which the appeal was based upon valid contention of illegal search and seizure.

Tom Honzel of the Montana County Attorneys' Association stated that that organization had suggested the bill and that Justices Castles and Haswell supported the bill.

There were no further proponents and no opponents to the bill.

HB 118 -- Representative Lester of District 37 sponsored the next bill, HB 118. He stated that the purpose of the bill is to establish the presumption that a motor vehicle is held in joint tenancy when more than one person is listed as an owner on the certificate of title.

There were no further proponents and no opponents to the bill.

HB 208 -- Representative Lester then spoke on HB 208, of which he was also the sponsor. He stated that the purpose of the bill was to include damage to public property in the criminal mischief provisions of Montana Law.

Tom Honzel of the Montana County Attorneys' Association stated that the bill would clarify the criminal mischief provision and ease the difficulties that arise out of the problem in the district courts.

There were no further proponents and no opponents to the bill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The committee went briefly into executive session before hearing Representative Meloy's HB 196.

HB 162 -- Senator Turnage moved that HB 162 be not concurred in. Senator Roberts made a substitute motion that HB 162 be concurred in. The motion failed.

WITH SENATOR GREELY ABSENT AND SENATORS TOWE, ROBERTS, AND CETRONE VOTING NO, THE ORIGINAL MOTION THAT HB 162 BE NOT CONCURRED IN CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

HB 196 -- With the arrival of Mr. Meloy, the hearing resumed. HB 196, sponsored by Representative Peter Meloy of District 29, was heard next. Representative Meloy stated that the purpose of the bill was to implement Article 14, Section 4 of the Montana Constitution. He stated that it was the duty of the legislature to provide a code of ethics for public employees and officials as provided in the Montana Constitution. He stated that the bill is a compromise measure, not as strong as the Hawaii code of ethics which had been proposed for introduction. He stated that enforcement will be the job of the election commissioner, if such a position is established. He stated that the bill would be a means to prevent fraud in the contracting of services by the State.

Michael Pichette, Executive Director of the Montana Democratic Party, stated that the Democratic Party strongly supported the bill, and that the bill was called for in the party platform.

There were no further proponents and no opponents to the bill.

Senator Turnage was excused from the meeting.

The Committee then went back into executive session.

HB 118 -- Senator Drake moved to amend HB 118 on page 2, line 16. WITH SENATORS TOWE AND TURNAGE ABSENT, THE MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

Senator Drake moved that HB 118 be concurred in as amended. WITH SENATORS TOWE AND TURNAGE ABSENT, THE MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

HB 208 -- Senator Greely moved that HB 208 be concurred in. WITH SENATORS TOWE AND TURNAGE ABSENT AND SENATOR ROBERTS VOTING NO, THE MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to reconvene Thrusday, March 6th at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Judiciary COMMITTEE

~~SECOND~~ HALF - ~~43rd~~ 44th LEGISLATIVE SESSION 1975 Date 7

E	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Thomas E. Towe	X		
Joe R. Roberts	X		
V. E. Cetrone	X		
Margaret S. Warden	X		
Robert J. Brown	X		
Glen L. Drake	X		
Jean A. Turnage	X		
Michael Greely	X		

NAME: Dr. Bill Oliver DATE: March 5, 02

ADDRESS: 1532 11th Ave S.

PHONE: 443 3557

REPRESENTING WHOM? Myself

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 118

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: Chief Sponsor

SENATE COMMITTEE JUDICIARY

Date 4/21/77 Room [illegible] Bill No. AB Time

NAME	YES	NO
THOMAS E. TOWE		
JOE R. ROBERTS	✓	
V.E. CETRONE	✓	
MARGARET S. WARDEN	✓	
ROBERT J. BROWN	✓	
GLEN L. DRAKE	✓	
JEAN A. TURNAGE		
MICHAEL GREELY	✓	

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Secretary

[illegible]
Chairman

Motion: Sen. Drake to amend page 3, [illegible] Com. committee report adopted

SENATE COMMITTEE JUDICIARY

Date 3/9/75 Senate Bill No. 115 Time

NAME	YES	NO
THOMAS E. TOWE		
JOE R. ROBERTS	Y	
V.E. CETRONE	Y	
MARGARET S. WARDEN	Y	
ROBERT J. BROWN	Y	
GLEN L. DRAKE	Y	
JEAN A. TURNAGE		
MICHAEL GREELY	Y	

Bill Ashworth
Secretary

Thomas E. Towe
Chairman

Motion: Sen. Glenn Drake that HB 115 be recommended as Amended

March 5 19 75

MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on JUDICIARY

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 118

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 118,

third reading, be amended as follows:

1. Amend page 2, section 1, line 16.
   Following: "the"
   Strike: "name"
   Insert: "names"

2. Amend page 2, section 1, line 16.
   Following: "and"
   Strike: "address"
   Insert: "addresses"

3. Amend page 2, section 1, line 16.
   Following: "owner"
   Strike: "is"
   Insert: "who are members of the same immediate family are"

DO PASS AND AS SO AMENDED, BE CONCURRED IN

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REFERENCE BILL

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